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SUBJECT:SOVIET CHARGE'S APPROACH TO DEPARTMENT ON BERLIN AS
A LAND OF THE FRG

REF: USBERLIN 1958

1. SOVIET CHARGE VASEV CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST
AUGUST 2 AND MADE ORAL PRESENTATION OF FOLLOWING NON-PAPER:

2. BEGIN QUOTE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE PARLIAMEN-
TARY STATE SECRETARY IN THE WEST GERMAN MINISTRY OF THE
INTERIOR BAUM, REPLYING RECENTLY ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERN-
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MENT TO ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE CHRSTIAN DEMOCRATIC
FACTION IN THE BUNDESTAG, CLAIMED THAT THE WESTERN SECTORS
OF BERLIN ARE "A FEDERAL LAND OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY." ACCORDING TO HIM ALL WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES
SHOULD PROCEED FROM THIS IN THEIR ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO
THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN.

THIS STATEMENT OF AN OFFICIAL OF THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT GROSSLY CONTRADICTS THE DECLARATION IN THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 THAT THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN "CONTINUE NOT TO BE A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND NOT TO BE

GOVERNED BY IT"

(PART II, PARAGRAPH B AND ANNEX II, PARAGRAPH 1). THIS DECLARATION WAS INCORPORATED IN THE TEXT OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT WITH A DIRECT REFERENCE TO CONSULTATIONS HELD BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS AND THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

REFERENCES TO THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE THREE POWERS, WHICH WERE IN THE REPLY OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY ALTER NOTHING IN THE VERY FACT THAT A CLAIM IS MADE ON THE PART OF WESTERN GERMANY TO REGARD THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, CONTRARY TO THEIR ACTUAL LEGAL STATUS, AS A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FEDERATION AND TO ESTABLISH ACCORDINGLY THE WEST GERMAN PRACTICAL POLICY CONCERNING THAT CITY. IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT SUCH AN APPROACH IS FRAUGHT WITH SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR OF EASING INTERNATIONAL TENSION.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE-STATED THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD LIKE TO
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KNOW WHAT MEASURES ARE TAKEN BY THE US SIDE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRONOUNCEMENTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY IN THE WEST GERMAN MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AIMED AT UNDERMINING AN UNDERSTANDING WHICH IS AT THE BASIS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THE SOVIET SIDE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE ITS FURTHER STEPS DEPENDING ON THE CLARIFICATIONS IT WOULD RECEIVE. END QUOTE.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST RESPONDED THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD STUDY SOVIET VIEWS AND RESPOND IN DUE COURSE. VEST POINTED OUT TO VASEV THAT (A) BAUM'S ALLEGED REMARKS WERE BASED ONLY ON PRESS REPORTS RATHER THAN AUTHORITATIVE TRANSCRIPTS; AND (B) FRG WAS ABSOLUTELY AWARE OF OUR POSITION WITH REGARD TO QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT AND THERE WAS NO FRG MISUNDERSTANDING IN THIS REGARD.

4. FYI VASEV PREFACED HIS PRESENTATION WITH OBSERVATION THAT "THERE ARE VERY MANY PROBLEMS COMING OUT OF WEST BERLIN SITUATION, AGAIN." NEVERTHELESS, VASEV'S APPROACH WAS LOW-KEY AND, WHEN REMINDED THAT THIS WAS HIS SECOND CALL ON BERLIN WITHIN A WEEK, HE SMILINGLY OBSERVED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A THIRD. CHRISTOPHER

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